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STORY

Aria had a peaceful high school life until she met Sakura, who is possessed by Heartbraken and terribly injured. Sakura dies! Aria is in despair, uncertain that she can win this last battle against the Black Demon. Mysteries from 400 years ago will be brought to light, but will these answers be enough to vanquish Aria's doubts? And what will happen to the helpless and terrified relatives?

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CHAPTER 24

...FALLEN FOR SAKURA, I THINK.
BY THAT TIME, I HAD ALREADY...
STAY WITH ME... SAKURA.
DON'T DISAPPEAR ON ME.
DON'T GO OFF SOMEWHERE.
AT FIRST, HE WAS SAKURA.
"DON'T LET GO."
AND THEN HE CHANGED.
I HAD BEEN THE ONE TO KEEP A CHECK ON SAKURA.

KA-CRACK!

THEY'RE GONE...
KU-GURI ...
SAKURA ...!!
...NO ONE LEFT!
THERE'S...

CRUSH
RRRRRUSH

YSSH
BAM

I DON'T WANT TO DAMAGE YOUR BODY.
DON'T FIGHT ME.
CRUSH
AAAAAAH!!
SWITCH
SWITCH
VSSH

SWITCHING HOSTS ISN'T EASY WITH MOST HUMANS, BUT...
...YOUR BODY SEEMS RATHER WELCOMING.
I WONDER IF IT'S BECAUSE YOU HOST THE OTHER ONE, HM?
KU... GUR...
FLOAT
HER FEATHERS...
PLEASE COME OUT...
...AND SAVE SAKURA!

KUSORI LIVED VERY LONG, BUT THAT'S THE ONLY REASON ...
...SHE HAD ENOUGH POWER TO TAKE ON A SOLID FORM.
HER SOUL MERELY OBEYED MIKAGE'S ORDERS TO RETURN TO THIS REALM, EVEN AFTER DEATH.
FSSH
FSSH
SO, NOW SHE'S GONE.
SHE COULD ONLY DO SO MUCH, AND NOW SHE'S GONE.
HIS FACE...
WAFT
CLENCH

FSSH
MY HATRED FOR MIKAGE ... BURNED EVEN DEATH FROM MY SOUL.
MY HATRED FOR HUMANITY MADE ME A FULL-BLOWN MONSTER.
BUT I'M DIFFERENT.
NO MATTER WHAT YOU HUMANS DO, I WILL NEVER DISAPPEAR.
IT'S MY...
...FACE!
A H..!
...NNGH!!
PHIP
PHIP

AH
...
WET
.....
I'M DISAP-
PEARING
...
...HEY.
MY
SENSES
...
...ARE
LEAVING
ME.

FLUTTER
HANG IN THERE... LITTLE MISSY.
WHO IS THAT?

SAKURA'S LIFE...
...HAS ENDED?
THE POOR THING...
...THAT YOUNG GIRL'S TRUE WISH CANNOT–
THEN EVEN IF SHE DEFEATS THE BLACK DEMON...
THOUGH FOUR THOUSAND PEOPLE GAVE UP, THAT GIRL NEVER DID.
HOW-EVER...

EVEN IF ALL HOPE WAS RIPPED FROM HER...
...SHE'D STILL HAVE ONE THING.
THAT ONE THING IS WHAT'S BROUGHT HER THIS FAR.
THE FEELINGS INSIDE OF HER...
...EVEN KAGARA CANNOT KILL.
EVEN IF SHE LOSES EVERY-THING...

EVEN THEN...
...SHE'D HAVE THOSE!
NO...
NO... PLEASE ...
SAKURA ...
DON'T ...

DON'T LEAVE ...
...ME ...!
FADE

KUGURI...!
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE TRYING TO...
WAIT
I THOUGHT SAKURA WAS DEAD, TOO.
BUT...
...I WAS WRONG!
COME OUT, KUGURI.
KUGURI!!

GLOW
GLOW
KU-
GURI!

AROOOO
I KNEW IT.
SEE?
TO SAVE SAKURA...
NOW...
THAT YOU, KOGUE!?

SAVE HIM...
HOLD
CROUCH

!?
WHY, YOU ...
SHE'S HEALED ALL OF MY WOUNDS.
AND HAS BEEN NESTING INSIDE OF ME.
BUT SHE'S NOT INTER-ESTED IN HANDING OVER THIS GIRL'S BODY TO YOU, YET.
NOOO

KU-GURI'S...
SO WHAT'LL IT BE, MON-STER?
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE WITHOUT A HOME.
.....
...INSIDE SAKURA...?
I KEPT HEAR-ING...
...YOUR VOICE, ARIA.
WERE YOU CALLING TO ME?
I WAS.
OVER AND OVER.

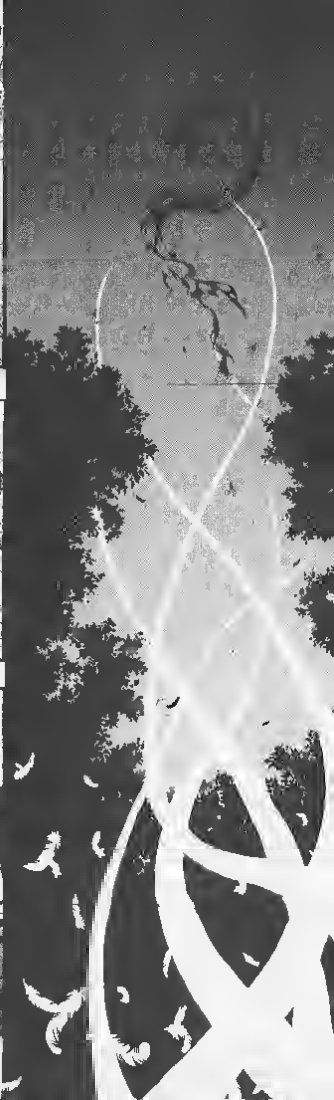
SO MANY TIMES...
SHE SWITCHED HOSTS?
AND HEALED HIS BODY?
FLASH
YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO JUST FOLLOW MIKAGE'S ORDERS...
...SO HOW...
...CAN YOU HAVE SUCH POWER!?

AROOOO!!

VWIP

SAKURA, YOU CAN'T USE FORCE TO GET RID OF HIM—
!

IT'S NO GOOD.
HE GOT AWAY.



IT'S NOT THAT...
YOU'RE HURT-
ARIA!
I HURT ALL OVER...
IT'S FROM HIM TRYING TO FORCE HIS WAY INTO MY BODY...
DON'T WORRY. I'M USED TO IT.
BECAUSE IF HE EVER FILLED YOU AGAIN, IT'D BE TOO MUCH.
KUGURI'S SAYING SHE'LL RETURN HALF OF HERSELF TO YOU.
ARIA, GIVE ME YOUR HAND.

KUGURI...
WAIT!
SHE GAVE SO MUCH OF HERSELF TO FIGHT HIM, THIS IS ALL THAT'S LEFT OF HER.
BOTH YOU, ARI, AND HER PAST MAS-
...HAD HER WHOLE HEART.
I'M SOR-RY.
I'M SO SOR-RY ...

IT WASN'T JUST OBEDIENCE TO SOME ORDER.
IT WAS FOR ME THAT SHE SAVED SAKURA.
AND WHY SHE'S BEEN DRAINED DOWN TO THIS.
JUST A LITTLE LONGER, KUGURI ...
JUST A LITTLE LONGER, AND THEN YOU CAN REST.
FSSH

I'M FINE. I TOLD YOU, I'M USED TO THIS.
RUMBLE
CAN YOU WALK, ARIA?
WE HAVE TO GO AFTER HIM...
I'LL GO AFTER HIM ALONE.
THEN GO BACK TO THE TEMPLE.
THIS IS NO TIME TO DAWDLE.
!
ACHE
WHAT'RE YOU TALK-ING ABOUT?
...HAS NO STRENGTH FOR THAT, NOW.
THIS SPIRIT THAT ALWAYS HEALED YOU...
IT DOESN'T USUALLY HURT THIS BAD...
WHY ...?
AH ...

PLEASE WAIT FOR ME WITH TOWAKO-SAN.
I CAN HANDLE A DEMON AT HALF ITS STRENGTH.
KAGARA SHOULD ALSO BE WEAKENED, BY NOW.
SPLISH
SPLISH
SPLASH

DON'T MOVE!
ARIA?
YOU NEED TO STAY HERE...
...AND LET ME GO AFTER HIM.
IF YOU TAKE ONE MORE STEP...
...I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'LL DO.
EVEN IF IT MEANS ...
...IMMOBILIZING YOU...

...I'M GOING ...!
THAT WAY I CAN GO ON WITHOUT CRYING, ANYMORE.
I CAN GO ON WITHOUT FEELING...
... ABANDONED, AGAIN.

SAKU-
RA!
BUMP

YOU'RE RIGHT.

I WON'T BE APART FROM YOU, AGAIN.
SA-KURA ...?
SQUEEZE

LET'S GO.
SHIRO WILL PROTECT US.
... VOICE.
HM?
EARLIER, I HEARD SHIRO'S VOICE.

BADUM
W-WAIT A MINUTE!
I'M NOT SAYING THIS BECAUSE I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU OR ANYTHING, BUT...
...KAGARA MIGHT STILL BE AROUND!
DASH
SQUEAL

ごくり
Gulp!
WHAT GIVES!?
I'M NOT AFRAID OF THAT MONSTER!
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
IF I JUST PUT MY MIND TO IT, I CAN... I CAN ...!!
Wait up!
TMP
TMP
BUT .. .. I'M NOT QUITE STRONG ENOUGH .
コテッ

DON'T REMEMBER THAT DAY...
DON'T REMEMBER IT!
NOW'S NOT THE TIME...
...TO REMEMBER THAT!
THADUMP
THADUMP
TMP

TAKI-SAMA!
THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE SAFE. JUST NOW...
...WE WERE SAVED BY THAT WHITE DOG AND THE GIRL...
HUFF HUFF
BECAUSE OF HER DESPERATION TO SAVE JUST ONE LIFE...
TAKI-SAMA?
...SHE CAN SAVE FOUR THOUSAND LIVES...
PHEW

SO THAT'S...
..WHAT THAT GIRL MEANT FOR..
JIREN-SAMA.
ONE OF THE RELA-TIVES...
...SAID HE SAW "TWO HUMAN SILHOUETTES" FOLLOWING THE BLACK SHADOW AS IT FLED...
I SEE.
Heh
WHEN EVERY-ONE...
WHEN EVERY-ONE ELSE GAVE UP, THEY DID NOT.
THE ONES WHO GET BACK UP NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES THEY ARE BEATEN DOWN...
...JUST MIGHT BE ABLE TO CHANGE THEIR DES-TINY.

...AND CHALLENGE THEIR FATE...
THOSE WHO ACT ON THEIR FEELINGS...
...TO BREAK THROUGH IT.
ARE YOU WATCHING, MIKAGE?
THIS BATTLE, FOUR HUNDRED YEARS IN THE MAKING, COMES NOW.

SSSHHH
MY ENERGY'S DISPERSING INTO THE AIR.
HUFF HUFF
MY SOUL'S DISAPPEARING!
I HAVE TO FIND A BODY, SOON.
I DON'T CARE IF IT'S HUMAN OR AN ANIMAL.
ANY BODY THAT CAN TAKE ME...!!
NO
SPLASH
STARTLE
WE WILL NOT LET YOU REACH THE TOWN.

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CHAPTER 25

SO, MIKAGE'S DESCENDENTS... OR RATHER, MIKAGE HERSELF...
FSSH
...HAVE COME TO ENJOY MY SLOW DECAY, IS THAT IT?
OR WILL YOU TEAR ME APART WITH YOUR OWN HANDS?
FSSH
THAT'S NOT WHY.
FSSH
NOW THAT I'M BLEEDING ON THE GROUND, YOU'LL KILL ME, RIGHT?
MIKA-GE!
NO. THAT'S NOT IT, EITHER.
FSSH
SSHH

I'M A DISPERSED SOUL WITH NO BODY.
THAT SHOULD MAKE IT EASY FOR YOU.
GO AHEAD AND KILL ME, AGAIN!
SLICE!
MY HATRED FOR YOU WILL NEVER DIE.
FSSH
...I WON'T DIE...FEAR.
BUT EVEN IF YOU SMASH MY SOUL INTO A MILLION PIECES...
JUST LIKE I DID BEFORE!!
...AND COME FOR YOU, NO MATTER HOW LONG IT TAKES!
EVEN IF I'M TORN TO BITS, I'LL BECOME FLESH AND BLOOD AGAIN...

KU-GURI!
BUT, ARIA...
I KNOW.
YOU WERE RIGHT, ARIA.
HE WON'T JUST BE-HAVE AND DISAP-PEAR FOR US.
WOOOOO
MY VOICE CAN'T REACH HIM.

SO, WE'LL HAVE TO TWIST HIS ARM AND HOLD HIM DOWN.
IF IT TAKES DECADES OR EVEN CENTURIES...
...FOR ME TO REGAIN THE POWER TO COME FOR THE DESCENDENTS, IT WILL HAPPEN.
AND THEN, NO MATTER HOW WEAK THE BLOODLINE IS, I WILL SNIFF YOU OUT!

NOW MATTER HOW LONG IT TAKES...
...I WILL DEVOUR YOUR BLOOD!!
...I'M TAKING YOU WITH ME!
BUT, FIRST...
BOTH OF YOU MIKAGES!!

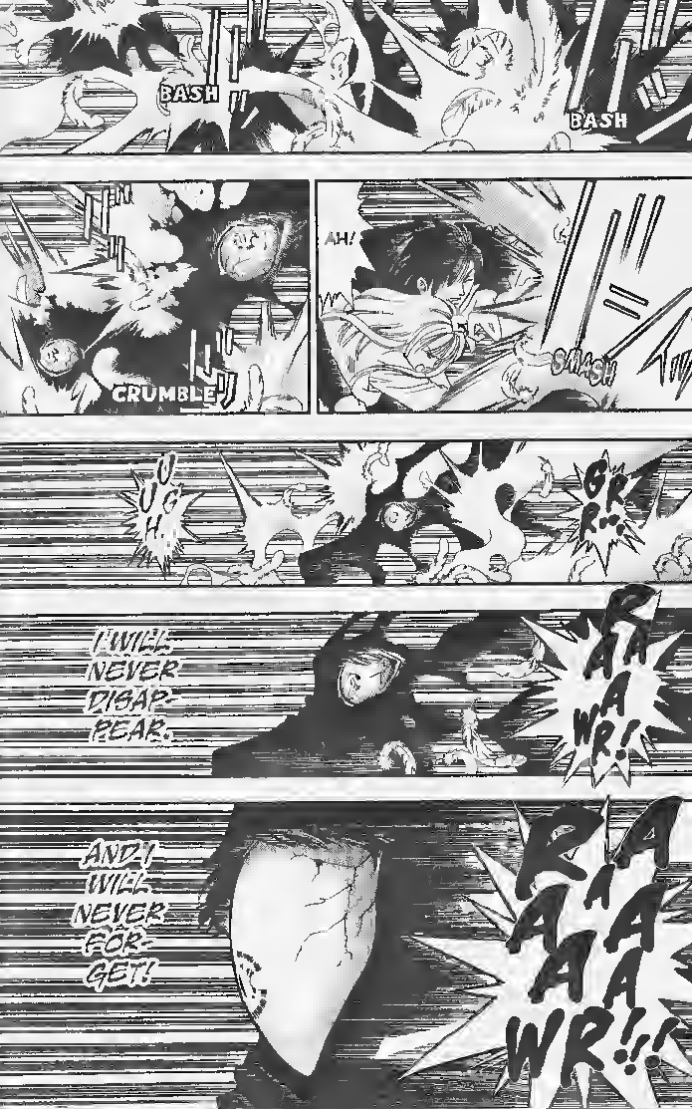
THE DOOR TO OUR FATE IS NOW OPEN.
THE LIGHT IS APPROACHING.
WOOOO
WHAT THIS LIGHT REVEALS...
...IS NOT DESTRUCTION.
IT CAN'T BE!
WOOOO

IT IS CREATION.
AROOOO!!

SMASH
HUFF
HUFF
THE PAIN FROM BEFORE IS STILL STRONG...
ACHE
ACHE
GRIP
NOT NOW!
SKID
SKID

YOINK
GRIP
HOLD ON.

WOBBLE
GLARE
I'LL NEVER DISAP-PEAR.
I WON'T DIS-P-PEAR.
GRRRL
CHARGE


BASH
BASH
CRUMBLE
AH!
SMASH
UUGH
GRR...
I WILL NEVER DISAP-PEAR.
RAAAWR!
AND I WILL NEVER FOR-GET!
RAAAAAAWR!!

...MY HATRED FOR YOU WILL NEVER DIE!
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU DEFEAT ME...
YOUR FACE...
BLOCK
SA-KURA!
AND YOUR VOICE...
AND YOUR SCENT...
AROOOO!!
MIKAGE! I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU!!

I'LL NEVER...

KUGURI!!
...FORGET YOU, MIKAGE.

OORA
OOO
!!O
I WON'T DISAP-PEAR ...
I WON'T! I...
CRMBL

...MIKAGE IS GONE.
YOU CAN GO ON FOR HUNDREDS OR THOUSANDS OF YEARS, BUT...
KAGARA...
I'LL RISE AGAIN...
I SWEAR...
YOU'LL STILL BE ALONE.
WAFT
SLITHER

CRASH
ガシャン
ズズ
MIKAGE...

HUFF
CRUMBLE
ガラガラ
CRUMBLE
THERE'S NO WAY HE'D JUST DISAPPEAR, LIKE THAT.
HE'S STILL...
...OUT THERE, SOMEWHERE. I KNOW IT.
...FSS!

WOOO
SO, EVEN IF WE TEAR HIM TO SHREDS ...
...HE'LL COME BACK FOR MIKAGE'S BLOOD?
I CAN HEAR HIM.
SEEMS TO BE.
BUT IT'S OKAY.
HE'S IN YOU... SAKURA?
THAT'S FROM WHEN HE SHIELDED ME...
DON'T TELL ME...
CALLING FOR... MIKAGE?
I CAN HEAR HIM...
...CALLING FOR MIKAGE.

SAKU-RA!?
DROOP
SO I'M PRETTY SURE
THAT YOU SHOULD
STEP
...AH!
...KAGE.
MI ...
BEFORE I FORGET ABOUT YOU...
TELL ME, MIKAGE ...

YOU SHOULD KNOW...
...WHAT HAPPENED THE FIRST TIME I DIED.
HE...
...SEES ME AS MIKAGE.
AND WHAT'S HAPPENED TO HIM?
MY HATRED WAS SUPPOSED TO FLOW THROUGH YOUR BLOOD.
UNTIL I DEVOURED YOUR DESCENDENTS.
HE'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT..
IT'S LIKE...
...HE'S SMALL AND TERRIFIED.
SOMETHING'S...
IT'S AS THOUGH...
BUT SOMETHING'S DIFFERENT.

I CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT'S DIFFERENT.
I CAN'T REMEMBER WHY, IF IT'S NOT YOUR BLOOD OR YOUR LIFE I WANT...
...THAT I'M HERE.
FOR WHAT PURPOSE ...
WHAT DID I WANT ...!?
WHAT ...
WHAT DID I ...
... WANT?

WHY ...
WHY IS THE THOUGHT OF FORGETTING YOU...
...SO TERRIFYING?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND.
...WHAT YOU WANTED?
SO YOU'VE EVEN FORGOTTEN ...

PLEASE TRY TO REMEMBER.
THERE'S ONLY A TINY FRAGMENT OF MIKAGE LEFT IN ME, BUT..
...UNTIL YOU REMEMBER, I'LL STAY LIKE THIS FOR YOU.

...A TINY HUMAN STOLE MY HEART.
WITH THAT WARMTH ALONE...
THE TOUCH OF YOUR SMALL ARMS AND SMALL BODY...
...FELT WARMER TO ME THAN ANYTHING.
THAT'S RIGHT.
BACK THEN, TOO...

JUST THAT ALONE...
GRIP
...KA-GE.
WHAT I WANTED WAS...
MI-KAGE ...

MIKAGE...

WHY...
MI-KAGE.
BACK THEN. WHY...
...WERE YOU CRYING?

WOOOO
PLEASE ...
... TELL ME ...

OH...
OOOH...
THIS IS...
...OUR...
NOOO

KU-
GURI
...
!
THAT'S...
.....
I UNDER-
STAND...

KUGURI.
RIGHT?
YOU'VE DONE SO WELL.
MIKAGE WOULD BE PROUD OF YOU.
LICK
TMP
SSSHH

GOOD-BYE,
KUGURI.

ARIA ...
KAG-ARA'S GONE.
AND KU-GURI, TOO.
THEY'RE GONE.

WE WERE ALWAYS TOGETHER.
EVER SINCE I WAS BORN. ALWAYS.
I ONLY REALIZED IT...
...WHEN SHE STARTED TO DISAPPEAR.
AND NOW ...
...SHE'S GONE FOREVER.
AREN'T I GOOD ENOUGH?
YOU WON'T LEAVE ME, RIGHT?
NEVER.
YOU'LL ...
...ALWAYS STAY BY MY SIDE?

ALWAYS.

WHAT'S THE MATTER, TOHRU?
YOU'RE NOT GOING BACK HOME?

By the way everyone's saying that Taki Kaido guy is gonna pay to fix the temple
What!? HIM!?
RUSTLE RUSTLE

RUB
RUB
Squish!
Squish!
NEI DID SOMETHING BAD TO MY MOM, AGAIN.
SO, SHE THREW A FIT AND SAID I CAN'T GO HOME UNLESS I GET RID OF HIM.

SOMETIMES, YOU JUST NEED TO WAKE UP AND SMELL THE ROSES.
No! I don't wanna!! He's my friend!!
MAYBE YOU *SHOULD* LET HIM GO...

YOU DID COME TO SEE YOUR LITTLE SISTER, DIDN'T YOU?
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR THE GIRL, SHE'S GONE.
AS IF.
I JUST CAME TO SEE WHAT BECAME OF THE BLOOD RELATIVES.
NO BLOOD RELATIVES ARE SUFFERING FROM THE DREAM.
THE BLACK DEMON DISAPPEARED, AND THE FAMILY CURSE VANISHED LIKE IT NEVER EXISTED.
WHY NOT GO AND SEE YOUR MOTHER?
I IMAGINE SHE'S HAD ENOUGH TO MOURN OVER.
AND THE ONES WHO DID HAVE THE DREAM ...
...AND MISTOOK YOU FOR THE DEMON, ARE NO MORE.
TCH!

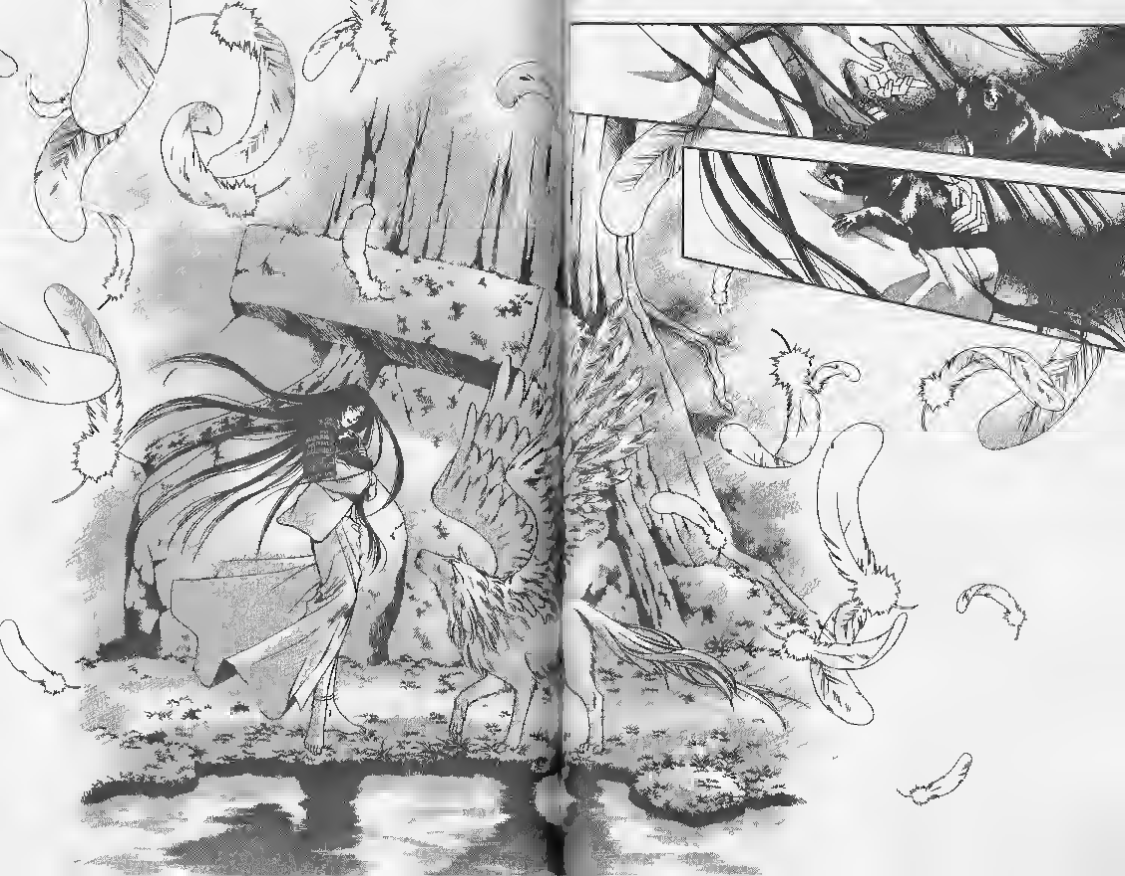
BASH!
I DON'T NEED TO!
HOLD IT. HOW CAN YOU GO WHEN YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE SHE LIVES?
KICK
DAMN THAT GIRL FOR SHOOTING OFF HER MOUTH!
I KNOW HE WILL.
HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT.
IS HE...
...AWAITING ALL OF THE BLOOD RELATIVES...
THERE'S A NEW FATE...

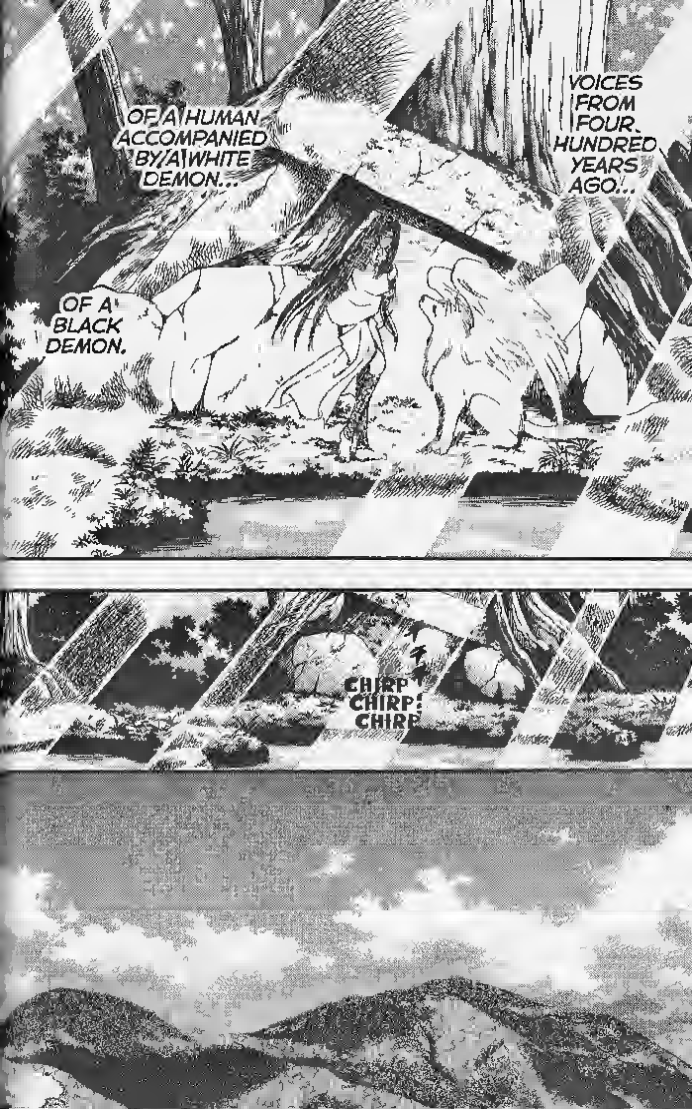
Ugh!
WHAT IS THAT!?
SHE SAID IF YOU HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO STUDY ABROAD, YOU SHOULD HELP WITH THE STORE.
FUJIKA-SAN TOLD ME.
Dang that Fujika-san. Why'd she have to do that!?
AN-OTHER THING.
AND NONE OF THEM REMEMBER WHAT HAP-PENED.
MY FAMILY MEMBERS ARE OUT OF THE HOSPITAL.
MY ONLY ISSUE WAS MISS-ING TOO MANY DAYS.
AND DIDN'T SOMEBODY I KNOW GET BARELY-PASSING GRADES FROM THAT YEAR ABROAD?
LIAR.
GRR!!

HEY, YOU'RE NOT TIRED...
...OF ME, ARE YOU?
WELL, IT'LL WORK OUT.
THEN ...
THE ONE WHO PUT YOUR FAMILY THROUGH SUCH HARD TIMES...
...AND KILLED SO MANY PEOPLE...
...MADE ME FEEL NOTHING BUT PITY.
ALSO ...
I WILL NEVER GET TIRED OF YOU.
WHEN KUGURI DISAP-PEARED, I HEARD A VOICE FOR ONE SPLIT SECOND.

COME.
KUGURI.
KAGARA.
KNOW-ING THAT HE WAS FINALLY HOME...
...MADE ME HAPPY.

COME
...

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OF A HUMAN ACCOMPANIED BY A WHITE DEMON...
OF A BLACK DEMON.
CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP

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Sakura is finally free of Kagara, but at a terrible price. As Aria holds her dying love, she makes one last attempt to free the demon from his own rage and hatred. As they fight desperately for their lives as well as the four thousand blood relatives, who will make the ultimate sacrifice?

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THE NIGHTMARE ~ NIGHT OF BEASTS BONUS STORY

THAT NIGHT, DEATH DESCENDED UPON THE PEDPLE'S DREAMS.
THE NIGHTMARE FORETOLD THE DEATHS DF FOUR THDUSAND BLOOD RELATIVES.
AND...
...IT GAVE THEM THE NAME OF THE MAN WHO WOULD BRING THEIR DEATH.

THAT NAME WAS...
WOOF!
WOOF!
WHINE
キュー
WOOF!
AT&T
MARY-CHAN, STOP THAT!
QUIT TUG-GING SO HARD!
IS SOME-ONE THERE?
SPEAK UP NOW, DON'T BE QUIET.
I'M BLIND.
I BET.
OTHER-WISE, YOU WOULDN'T BE STAND-ING WHERE YOU ARE.
WHAT ...?

UGH ...
KOFF!
DON'T WORRY. NO ONE'S DEAD.
PLUNK
NOT TODAY ...
... THAT IS.

SOMEBODY...
ROLL
...PLEASE STOP ME.
SHAKE

SIGH...
SWIP
SPLASH
SPLASH
MARY-CHAN!
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU!?
YOU MUSTN'T GO NEAR THAT STRANGE MAN!
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'LL DO TO US!
GIVE IT A REST.
HOW LONG DO YOU PLAN TO FOLLOW ME AROUND?
HEY! NO FAIR!
YOU WERE THIS CLOSE ALL ALONG?

I SHOULD BE TELLING YOU TO GIVE IT A BREAK!
STOP TRICKING POOR MARY-CHAN!
Tricking what now?
NOW, NOW, MARY-CHAN, YOU HAVE TO BE CAREFUL.
YOU'RE SO CUTE, YOU ATTRACT THE ATTENTION OF THESE TYPES RIGHT AWAY!
BUT, DON'T WORRY. BIG SISTER YUMIKO WILL PROTECT YOU!
Grrrr!!
So that's Mary-chan?
HOP
HUH?
WOOF
WOOF
WOOF
MARY-CHAN, WHERE'D YOU GO!?
WHA-?
HUH?
MARY-CHAN!?

YOU'LL GET HURT WALKING THAT DOG AROUND.
THERE'S A TELEPHONE BEHIND YOU. CALL YOUR FAMILY TO PICK YOU UP.
TUG
MARY-CHAN'S MY ONLY FAMILY, NOW.
MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS.
FAM-ILY?
KYAAAAH!
COME ON, MARY-CHAN, TAKE BIG SISTER YUMIKO TO THE HOS-PITAL-
TUG
DRAG
DRAG
DRAG
YOU EVEN KNOW WHEN THE LIGHT TURNS GREEN/ ♡
I CAN GO ANYWHERE AS LONG AS MARY-CHAN'S WITH ME.
SHE TAKES ME WHER-EVER I TELL HER.
WOOF
WOOF
WOOF

I'LL WALK YOU THERE.
WHERE'S THE HOSPI-TAL?
OOOW!
SNUFF
TUG
!
.....
THE GENERAL HOSPITAL.
I'M GOING FOR AN EYE EXAM.
THAT PLACE, HUH?

COULD YOU ACTUALLY BE...
NOW
I THOUGHT YOU WERE A LOT SCARIER.
THE WAY YOU POPPED UP OUT OF NOWHERE—
?
YOU WERE HURT BEFORE, RIGHT?
...A GOOD PERSON?
THAT'S A GOOD QUES-TION.
DON'T WORRY. I WON'T TELL THE POLICE.
MY LITTLE BROTHER USED TO GET INTO FIGHTS ALL THE TI—

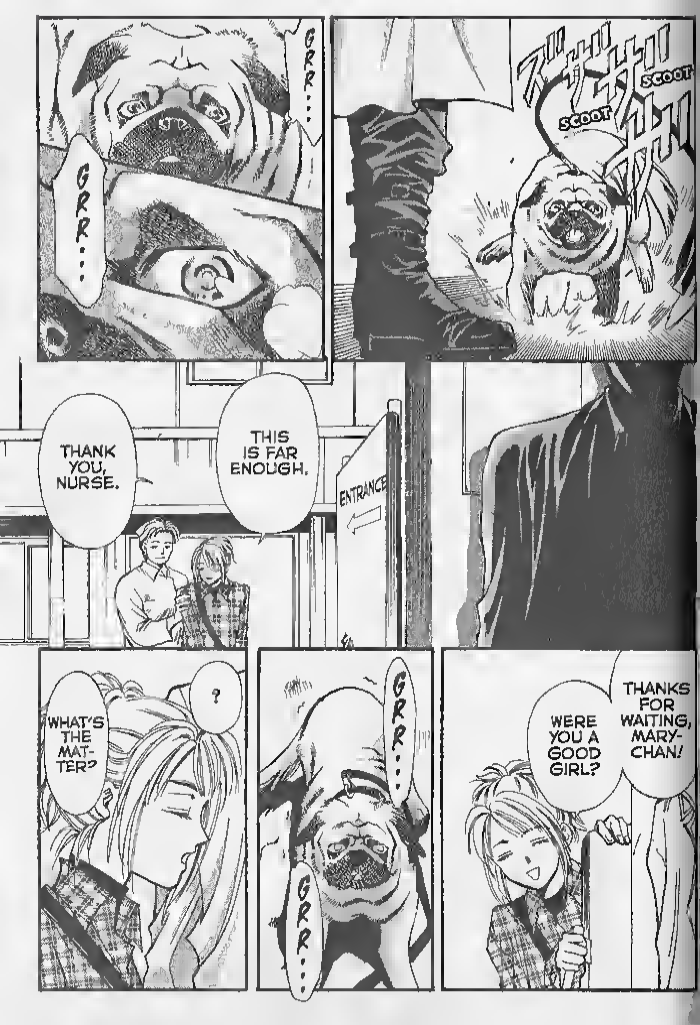
THEN YOU DO HAVE SOME.
HM?
Aww, shut up
That's it! That's why Mary-chan acted that way
DO YOU LOOK LIKE TOHRU WATA-NABE*?
I BET YOU EVEN LOOK LIKE MY LITTLE BROTHER.
THAT'S WHY MARY-CHAN GOT CONFUSED.
*SEE TRANSLATOR'S NOTES
HE'S ALWAYS HAD A WEAK HEART.
HE PASSED AWAY A FEW WEEKS AGO.
IF YOU MEAN MY LITTLE BROTH-ER, HE'S DEAD
FAMILY.
NOT THAT I MIND.
MY PARENTS WERE ALREADY DEAD.
SO I'VE BEEN ALONE, SINCE THEN.
THAT'S WHEN I LOST MY EYESIGHT.

I'LL BE DEAD SOON, ANYWAY.
BWAAAAH
WHAT A COINCI-DENCE.
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG

I'LL BE KILLING THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE SOON, TOO.
BLAAAARE
EEK!
WAS THAT A TRAIN?
CLANG
CLANG
I'M SORRY, DID YOU SAY SOME-THING?
HUFF
HUFF
That scared me
I SAID I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK.
MY FAMILY'S STAYING IN THE SAME HOSPITAL WE'RE GOING TO.

THE NAME IS...
"KIJIMA."
ENTRANCE
GENERAL HOSPITAL
TCH!
KILL THE CHILD!
KILL HIM!

IT'S STILL ON ME.
MUST BE SOME BLOOD LEFT-OVER FROM THOSE GUYS.
.....
YIP
STARTLE


GRR...
GRR...
SCOOT
SCOOT
THANK YOU, NURSE.
THIS IS FAR ENOUGH.
ENTRANCE
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
?
GRR...
GRR...
WERE YOU A GOOD GIRL?
THANKS FOR WAITING, MARY-CHAN!

CRIED
CREEP
MARY?
KIJIMA-KUN?

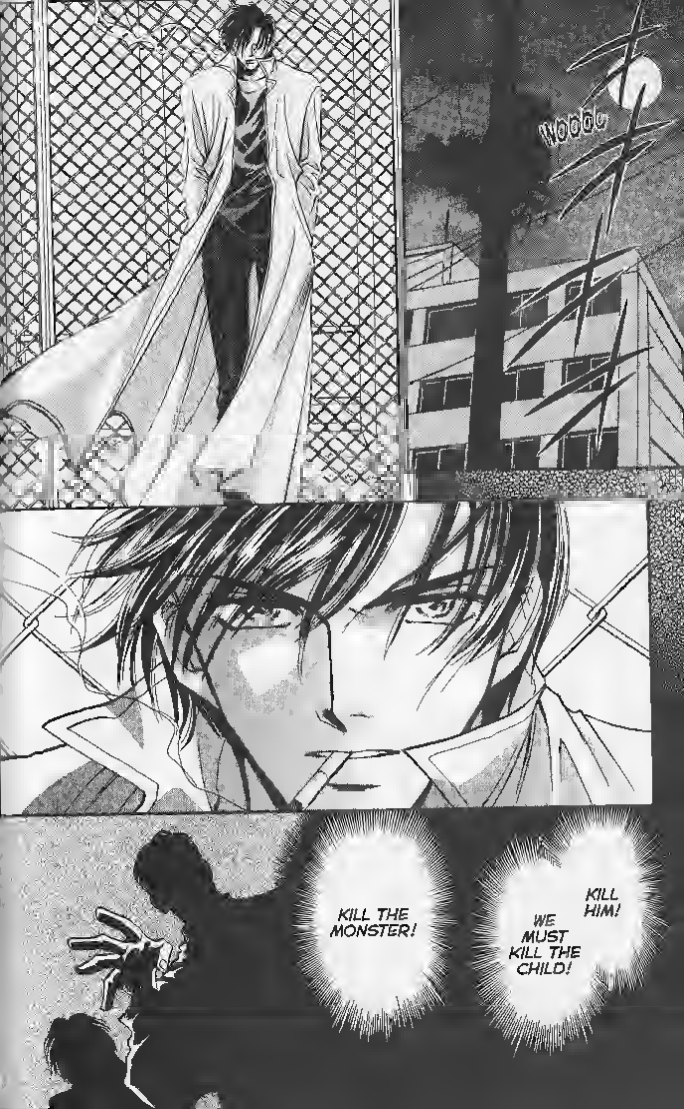
RUFF!
RUFF!

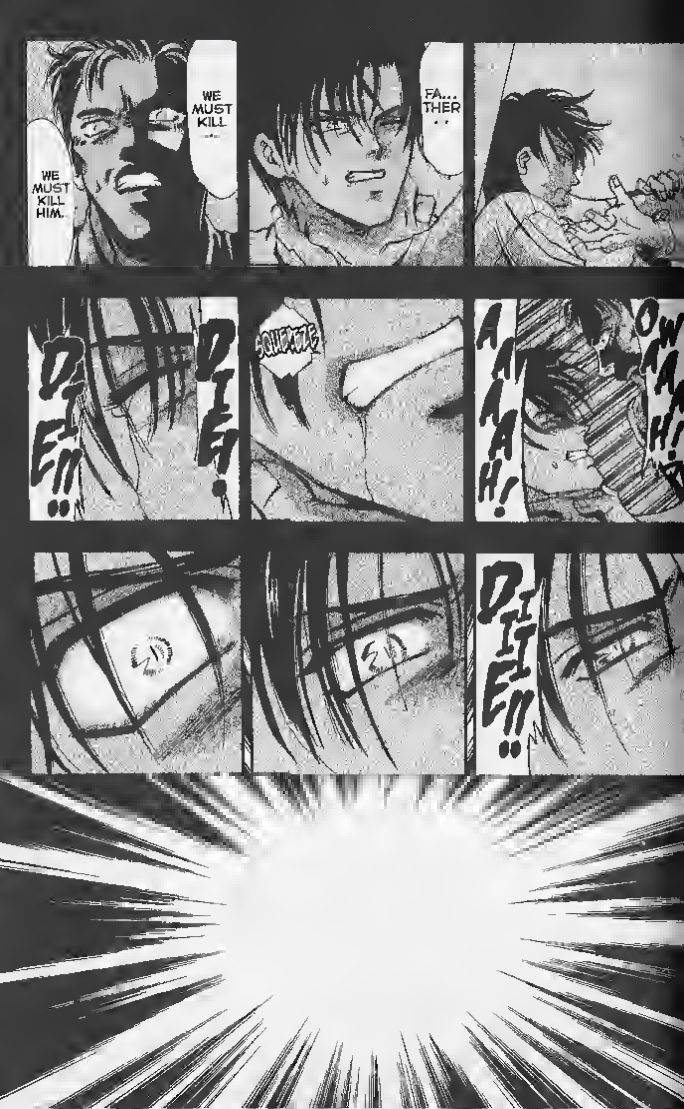
M-MARY-CHAN, WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU!?
HUFF
HUFF
...NNGH!
THERE, THERE. DID I STEP ON YOUR TAIL?
GRR...
GRR...
!
PLERK
HUH?
WHAT THE--?
WHY ARE YOU ACTING SO ST RANGE?
WAG
WAG
WAG

OH, KIJIMA-KUN! I FORGOT TO MENTION.
I ASKED ABOUT YOUR FAMILY.
THEY SAID THAT YOUR PARENTS AND OLDER BROTHER ARE DOING WELL.
ISN'T THAT GREAT?
Why didn't you go in yourself?
BUT, WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM?
THEY HAD SUCH HORRIBLE INJURIES.
IT WAS ALMOST LIKE THEY'D BEEN ATTACKED BY A HUGE ANIMAL.
YOUR NAME'S YUMIKO-SAN, RIGHT?
I HAVE TO THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME.
BUT ...
?
BAM

YOU SHOULDN'T COME NEAR ME AGAIN...
...IF YOU DON'T WANT TO END UP LIKE THOSE THREE.
SHIVER
.....!
OH!
SLUMP
カクッ
WHAT... WHY AM I SUDDENLY...
THEY GOT WHAT THEY DESERVED.
THEY HAD SOME CRAZY DREAM AND STARTED ACTING STRANGE.
...SO AFRAID?

THE DREAM DROVE THEM MAD.
A STUPID NIGHT-MARE THAT THEY'D HAD TWO WEEKS AGO.
TWO WEEKS?
DREAM...?


WOOO
KILL THE MONSTER!
WE MUST KILL THE CHILD!
KILL HIM!


WE MUST KILL HIM.
WE MUST KILL...
FA... THER..
DIE!!
DIE.
SHHHZZZ
AAAAH!
OWAAH!
DIE!!

DRIP
HEH ...
DRIP
DRIP
HEH HEH HEH.
WHAT A LOVELY ...
... COLOR.

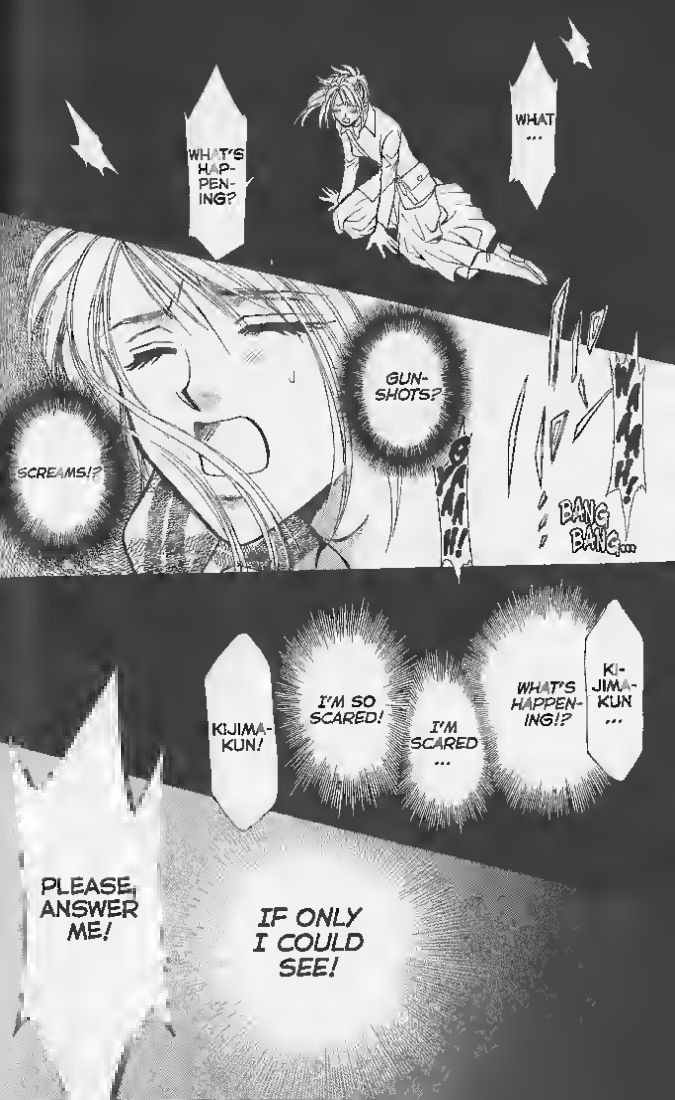
YOU CAN'T JUST COME OUT EVERY TIME I THINK ABOUT IT.
SHUT UP AND STAY IN THERE.
FWIP
SLITHER
RATTLE
CLICK
I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU...
...TO STAY AWAY FROM ME.

A TERRIBLE DREAM, TWO WEEKS AGO.
MY BROTHER AND I HAD IT, TOO.
THE NIGHTMARE SAID I WAS ONE OUT OF THOUSANDS THAT HAD TO KILL ONE MAN.
MY LITTLE BRO-THER'S HEART GAVE OUT AND HE DIED.
AND I...
...LOST MY SIGHT FROM THE TERROR OF THAT DREAM.

HER, TOO...
I, AND THE FOUR THOUSAND OTHERS, WILL BE SLAUGHTERED.
WE ALL HAD THE SAME DREAM AT THE SAME TIME.
IT'S NOT JUST A DREAM.
IT WILL COME TRUE, SOMEDAY!
TELL ME! DID THOSE PEOPLE YOU HURT... DID THEY HAVE THE DREAM!?
SWIF
ABOUT A MAN WITH A TERRIBLE BLACK BEAST SLEEPING INSIDE OF HIM!
A MAN WHOSE NAME IS-

BLAM
!?
BARK!
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
YAH!

THUNK
THUNK
CLUNK
THUNK
THUNK
ARE YOU THI ONLY ONE LEFT FROM THIS AFTER-NOON?
OR WERE YOU HIRED BY ANOTHER BLOOD RELATIVE?
LEAP
KYAAAAAH!


WHAT...
WHAT'S HAP-PEN-ING?
GUN-SHOTS?
SCREAMS!?
WAAH!
BANG BANG...
KI-JIMA-KUN...
WHAT'S HAPPEN-ING!?
I'M SCARED...
I'M SO SCARED!
KIJIMA-KUN!
IF ONLY I COULD SEE!
PLEASE, ANSWER ME!

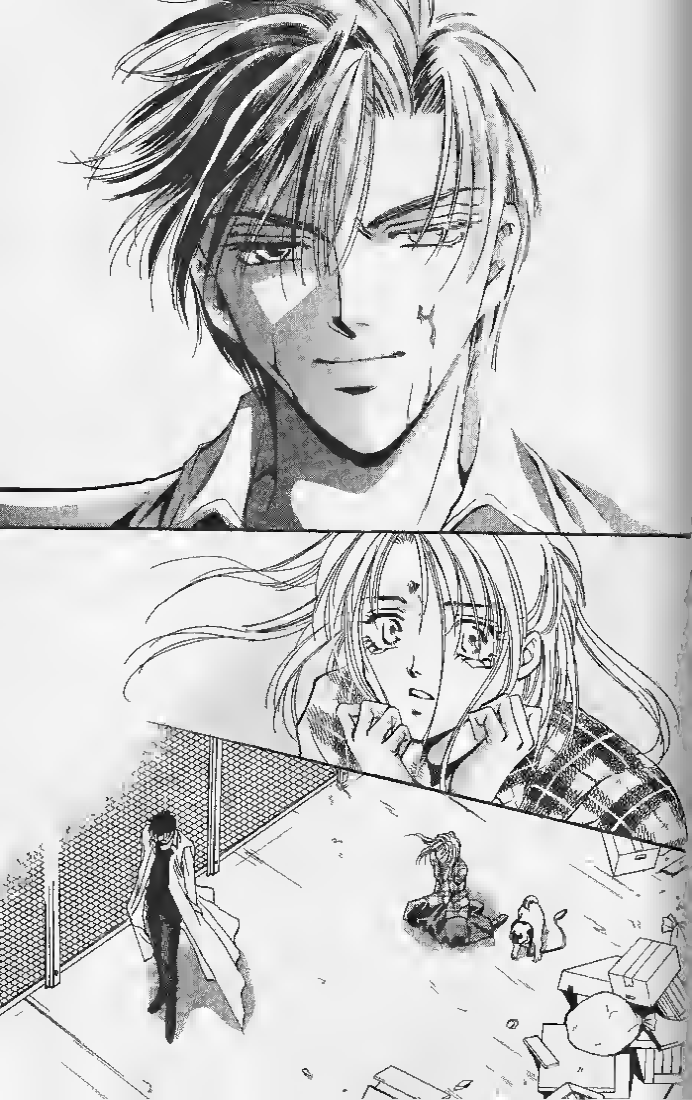
THANK GOOD-NESS.
YOU'RE HERE.
GRAB
IT'S NOT ENOUGH.
HUH?
TWO PEOPLE IS NOT NEARLY ENOUGH.
I WANT ...
SLITHER
...TO SEE MORE BLOOD.
DRIP
RUFF!
RUFF!
KI-JIMA-KUN ...?

MORE SCREAMS.
YUMIKO, WON'T YOU SHOW ME...
...THE COLOR OF YOUR BLOOD?
MORE FEAR.
I WON'T KILL YOU.
IT'S OKAY. I'LL SETTLE FOR THIS.
MORE BLOOD.
I'M FORGETTING MORE AND MORE.
IS IT THE DEMON WHO'S GETTING EXCITED?
OR ME?
THE MAN IN MY DREAM HAD INHUMAN EYES.
THEY WERE DARK, AND COLD ...
YOU'RE NOT...
...THE SAME MAN.
YOU'RE ...
...JOKING, RIGHT?

MY...
...EYES...
HUH?
THEY WERE THE EYES OF A DEMON!
KIJIMA...
THAT MAN'S NAME WAS "SAKURA," RIGHT?
SAKURA KIJIMA.
...WHEN I KILLED YOU IN YOUR DREAM?
HOW DID IT FEEL...

GASP!
KYAAAAAAH!
WHIP
THUD

AAAAH!
DON'T... DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!
SOME-BODY, HUR-RY!
HE'S GOING TO KILL ME!
KILL SAKURA!
PLEASE, KILL HIM!
Hmph.
MY BEING POSSESSED BY A DEMON AND KILLING YOU ALL...
...OR YOUR BEING CONFUSED BY A DREAM AND KILLING ME...
WHAT THE HELL'S THE DIFFERENCE?



UNTIL YOU BRING DOWN THIS "SAKURA," I'M NOT PAYING YOU!
SSSHHH
INCOM-PETENT FOOLS!
YOU LET HIM GET AWAY!?
SSSHHH
PLIP
PLOP
KILL SAKURA!
KILL HIM, NOW!
KILL HIM!
KILL THE MONSTER!
WE MUST KILL THE CHILD!
SOMEONE, KILL SAKURA!
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER! SOMEONE...
GRIP
HI!!!

IS IT THE DEMON LUSTING FOR BLOOD ...
...OR IS IT ME?
SPLASH
HEY, CHECK OVER THERE!
SPLASH
HOW'S H... EXPECT U... TO FIND ANYTHING I... THIS RAIN
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH

MA...
...RY?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, WALKING AROUND BY YOURSELF-
GO HOME.
ALL WE HAVE IN COMMON IS THAT WE'RE BOTH BLOOD RELATIVES.
...STILL THINK I'M THAT GIRL'S LITTLE BROTHER?
DO YOU...

SSCHUU
YU...
STAY RIGHT THERE!
MY EYES... CAN SEE NOW.
I CAN'T LOOK AT YOU, KIJIMA-SAN, OR I'LL PANIC AGAIN.
SO, PLEASE ...
JUST LISTEN.
SHIVER
SHIVER

I DIDN'T MEAN FOR IT TO COME OUT THAT WAY.
I'M SORRY FOR ALL THE MEAN THINGS I SAID.
I'LL...
...TRY MY BEST.
SINCE I'M GOING TO DIE ANYWAY, IT'S OKAY.
I WON'T GIVE UP THIS TIME.
SO YOU DON'T GIVE UP EITHER, KIJIMA-KUN.

I KNOW THERE'S SOMEONE OUT THERE WHO CAN HELP YOU.
I'M SORRY IT'S NOT ME.
WELL...
...KI-JIMA-KUN?
CAN YOU HEAR ME?
ARE YOU LISTEN-ING?

THERE'S A CRAZY BEAST LIVING INSIDE ME.
IT THIRSTS FOR BLOOD, AND TEARS APART BODIES. A MONSTER THAT SPREADS FEAR.
IT'S NOT ME.
SOME-ONE, STOP ME.
YEAH.
I'M LIS-TENING.

I DON'T WANT...
...THE BLOOD, OR THE FEAR.
WHINE
WHINE
I KNOW THERE IS...
...SOME-ONE OUT THERE.
SO...
SOMEONE WHO CAN SAVE YOU.

I'LL MAKE YOU REGRET SQUATTING IN MY BODY.
YOU JUST WAIT, MONSTER.
RATTLE
I'M YOUR JAIL.
UNTIL THAT DREAM IS NOTHING MORE THAN THAT.
THERE HAS TO BE SOMEONE OUT THERE...
...SO...

Bonus Time
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Let me hear your impressions of volume 6! I'll respond!
To everyone who read this far, and my assistants who've been so hard for me, and my editor for whom I was nothing but trouble, thank you each, and every one of you!
"The beginning"
We don't really care just get on with your work!
WHAT DO I DO? ONCE I'M DONE DRAWING IT, I WONDER IF I'LL BE LONESOME.
AT LAST, THE FINAL CHAPTER.
How making the final chapter manuscript went
SHIOM
You should've handed this to us earlier!!
Why'd you have to dump all the hardest work on us so late!?
WHY'RE WE SO MUCH LATER THAN WE SCHEDULED!? WHAT'S WITH ME!?
WHY!?
"At the peak"
AAAAAHH!
"During the latter part of the peak"
Oh yeah.. You're right
Huh?
Wha...?
CONGRATULATIONS ON THE COMPLETION OF YOUR STORY.
Complete finn

CHIKA SHIOMI

Born February 21st. From Aichi Prefecture. Pisces
Blood Type AB. Hobbies include skiing and taking trips
to hot springs.

For all the letters I received from my loyal readers.
For all the help my assistants gave me. For being
able to write this story to the very end. For my editor,
when she gave me a bouquet of flowers and said
"Congratulations!" the moment I finished the last
chapter. It's been a joy writing this story throughout the
entire way. Thank you all so very much.
I present to you the final volume of "Night of the Beasts."

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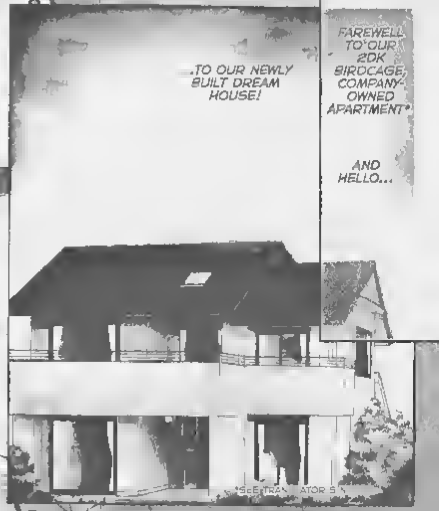
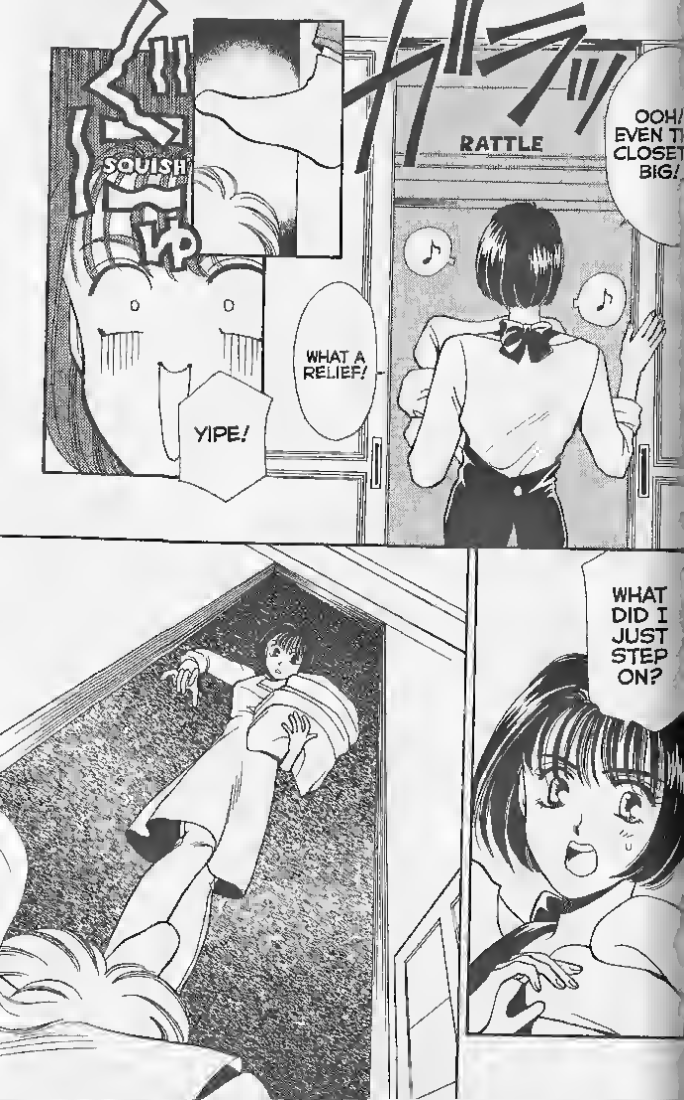


SPECIAL STORY

トリッキーエリア

Tricky Area

MM! IT'S SO GREAT TO FINALLY HAVE MY OWN ROOM!
HAVING TO SHARE ONE WITH MY BROTHER AT MY AGE?
THAT'S JUST SAD!
NOW I CAN HAVE SOME PRIVACY!
Thank goodness!
You sold my underwear to your friends again, didn't you?
Sorry, Momoko! I wasn't thinking.


SQUISH
YIPE!
WHAT A RELIEF!
RATTLE
OOH! EVEN T CLOSET BIG!
WHAT DID I JUST STEP ON?

WHAT WAS THAT FOR?
SHUT
.....
.....
WHAT, NO SKIRT?

SHUT
パタン
CREAK
キッ
ダッダッダッ
STOMP
STOMP
UGAAAAH!

MOMOKO, WHAT'S WRONG!?
ONII-CHAN!
ONE OF YOUR PERVERTED FRIENDS IS HIDING IN MY CLOSET!
THWACK!

GOOD GRIEF!
HE EVEN OPENED A HOLE IN THE CLOSET.
Eeeeek!
GIVE ME A BREAK!
AND DON'T PLAY DUMB WITH ME! YOUR FRIENDS ARE ALL JUST TWISTED PEEPING TOMS!
How rude!
THAT DOES IT! NOBODY PUTS A HOLE IN OUR HOUSE AND GETS AWAY WITH IT!
BAM

SMACK
ROLL
.....
#7
GULP
OH! YOU'RE THE GIRL FROM BEFORE...
WHAT'S ALL THE NOISE ABOUT?

FROM THIS ANGLE, YOU'RE NOT BAD-LOOKING.
OGLE
OGLE
TO TELL THE TRUTH, I HAVE A FAVOR TO...
SCAMPER
SCAMPER
KYAAAAH!
WAIT! WAIT!
I MEAN YOU NO HARM!
PHEW

...A LAND GOD.
I AM...
...GOD?
LAND ...
OH, LET ME INTRO-DUCE MY FRIEND.
THIS IS CHAMBER-LAIN MIWA.
PRE-CISELY.
I PROTECT THOSE WHO LIVE ON THE LAND, AND PROTECT THE EARTH.

WHAT THE-?
IS THAT ANY WAY TO BEHAVE WHEN SOMEONE'S TALKING?
SMACK
ぽん
.....
CREEP
CREEP
NO WAY!!
NO NEED TO BE SO STIFF. COME CLOSER.
SO, OF COURSE YOU'D BE STRUCK DUMB BY MY DIVINENESS.
YOU'VE PROBABLY NEVER SEEN A GOD BEFORE.
SCUFFLE
SCUFFLE
WHOOSH
YOU PICKY PEOPLE.
HUMPH!

IS THIS BETTER?
URK
ちま。
GRIN
BECAUSE IT'S STILL ONLY HALF OF ME, I CAN ONLY TURN INTO A KID.
HE'S... HE'S SO CUTE.
BUT THIS WAY'S BETTER, RIGHT?
A-ARE YOU REALLY A LAND GOD? YOU'RE NOT JUST SOME GHOST?
NOPE, I'M A LAND GOD.
REALLY?
YES, REALLY!

Whoa.
He even has a girlfriend!
Or we'll never get a with the story
LET'S JUST BELIEVE HIM, GUYS.
FLAIL
じた
I'M A LAND GOD, LAND GOD, LAND GOD! I'M NOT LYING!
ばた
FLAIL
A FA-VOR?
YES? YES?
SO, THEN. SO, THEN.
YOU HAVE TO DO ME A FAVOR.
GYAAAAH!
SET ME FREE!!

URK
OH, HE'S SO CUTE.
'CAUSE ...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?
PANT
PANT
IN THIS HOUSE?
SPIRITUAL BARRIER?
I'M TRAPPED HERE BY THIS HOUSE'S SPIRITUAL BARRIER.
WELL, HALF OF ME IS.
SO THE TREES ARE MAD, AND THEY PUT A CURSE ON THIS HOUSE.
THE NATURAL ORDER IS ALL MESSED UP.
THEIR ROOTS ARE POINTING UP, AND THEIR BRANCHES ARE FACING DOWN.
THE FOUR PILLARS OF THIS HOUSE ARE BEING USED UPSIDE DOWN.

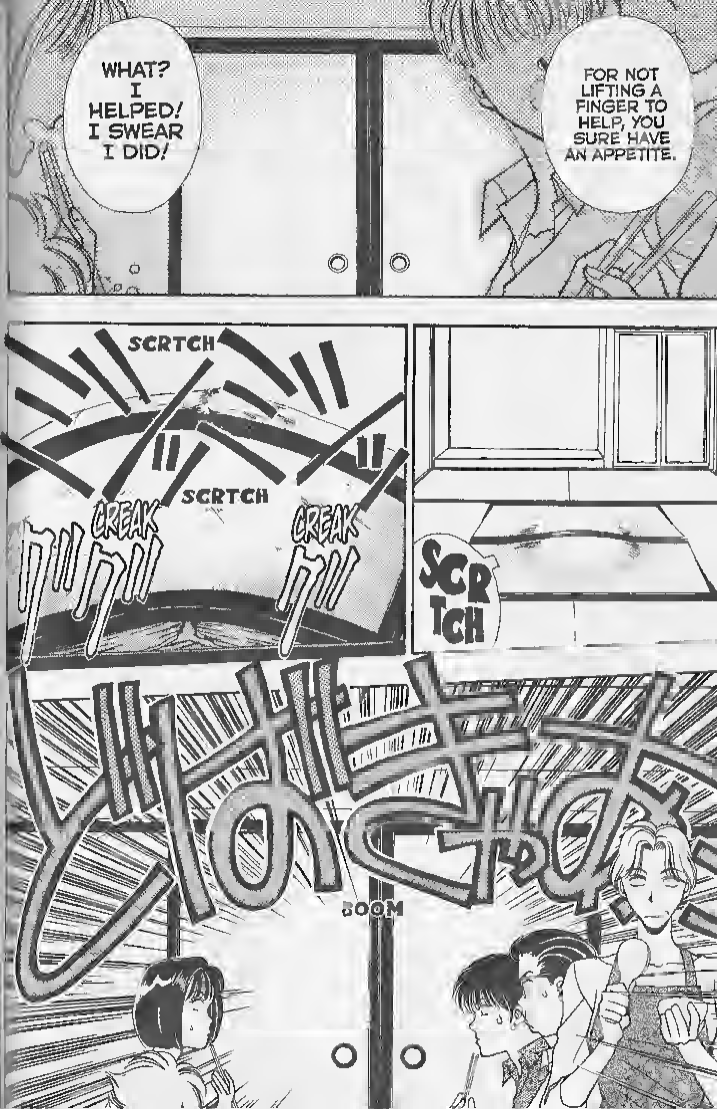
A SAKA-BASHI-RA*!?
HUH?
WHAT TERRIBLE LUCK!
*SEE TRANSLATOR'S NOTES
I TRIED SHOVING MY HEAD THROUGH THE BARRIER, WHICH IS WHAT STOPPED ME COLD.
WHY WOULD YOU DO A THING LIKE THAT?
It was inside the closet
What a mess!
Great job trying to be a haunted house guys
No wonder we got this place for so cheap!
BECAUSE THIS IS WHERE MY TEMPLE STOOD!
OF COURSE I'D BE UPSET BE-CAUSE SOME-ONE PUT A BARRIER UP AROUND IT!
And then they bulldozed it down and stuck me inside of it! Unforgivable!
NOW THAT WE'VE HEARD YOUR SAD STORY...
...WHAT DO YOU WANT US TO DO ABOUT IT?
About your temple being torn down
THERE USED TO BE A TEMPLE HERE!?
Wow that's even worse luck!

I WANT YOU TO BREAK THE PILLARS.
BREAK THE PILLARS? WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE HOUSE?
IT WILL FALL DOWN.
I TRIED DOING IT MYSELF, BUT I BOUNCED OFF.
WAIT A MINUTE!!
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT I WENT THROUGH TO GET THIS HOUSE!?
RIGHT! AND WE'VE GOT A TWENTY-FIVE YEAR MORTGAGE!
AND I'M FINALLY FREE OF MY PERVERTED BROTHER!
AND I CAN WATCH AS MUCH PORN AS I WANT–
Oops!

WAAH...
Uh oh, I think we were too mean
It has crying
UWAAAAH!
YOU MEAN, YOU'LL BREAK THE PILLARS FOR ME?
ALL RIGHT, WE'LL DO IT.
WE'RE SORRY!
PLEASE DON'T CRY.
Good boy!

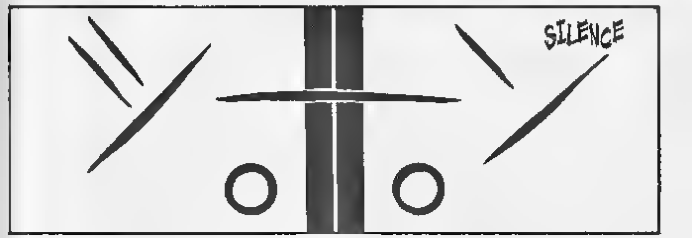
ER, YEAH...
UH... I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT THAT.
YES, YES! ABSO-LUTELY!
HOLD ON!
TIME TO FINISH UN-PACKING!
HEY!
IF YOU DON'T FIX IT, SOMETHING REALLY BAD'LL HAPPEN!
Mamako could you put that box in there?
YOU CAN'T KEEP ME LIKE THIS!
So much to do, so little time

NIGHT
AND, AND...
YOU WANNA KNOW WHAT IT'LL BE?
Uh-huh?
Yeah?
ALL THE DEMONS AND MONSTERS I LOCKED UP WILL COME OUT!
HE'S JUST TOO CUTE!
Oh really?
SCRTCH
THE SCARIEST ONES, EVER! THEY DID A LOTTA BAD STUFF!
THAT'S WHY I...
AND WHAT SORT OF DEMONS AND MONSTERS ARE WE LOOKING AT?
OH! YES, PLEASE!
MAMORU, WANT SECONDS?

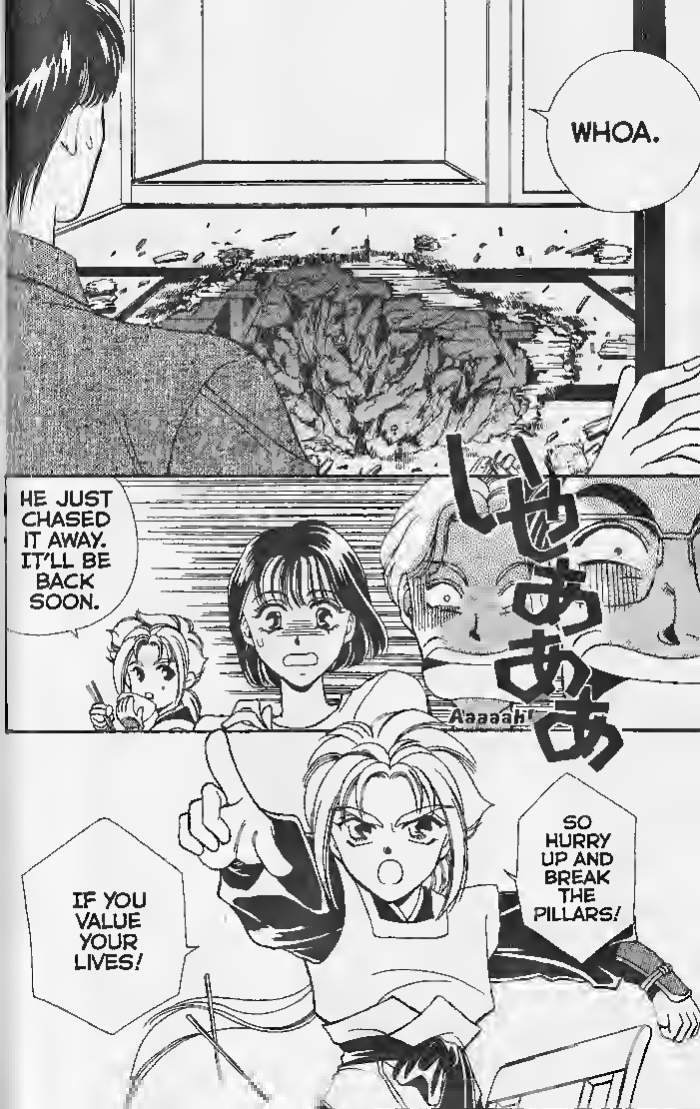

WHAT? I HELPED! I SWEAR I DID!
FOR NOT LIFTING A FINGER TO HELP, YOU SURE HAVE AN APPETITE.
SCRTCH
SCRTCH
CREAK
CREAK
SCR TCH
BOOM

HERE THEY COME.
HERE WHAT COME!?
SQUEEAL
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RELEASE
GO, MIWA!

SLITHER
SQUEEEAL
SHUT
THUD
AAAAH!


SILENCE

GOOD WORK! ♡
SWOOP
SLITHER
MON-STER!?
SEE? IT WAS A MONSTER.
WHA...
WHA...
CHASED IT... AWAY?
GO CHECK IT OUT, ONII-CHAN!
WHY ME!?
IT'S NOT THERE ANYMORE. MIWA CHASED IT AWAY.
RATTLE


WHOA.
いやあああ
Aaaaah!
HE JUST CHASED IT AWAY. IT'LL BE BACK SOON.
SO HURRY UP AND BREAK THE PILLARS!
IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIVES!

WAIT A—
FINE, YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN, THEN.
JUST WAIT A MINUTE, YOU DON'T REALLY—
うおおおお
Waaaah!
BUT WE ALSO VALUE THIS HOUSE, TOO!
WE DO VALUE THEM!
CRASH

DROP
CRASH

CRAAASH

ONE, TWO...
...THREE...
THERE ARE FIVE HOLES NOW.
KNOCK IT OFF, NII-CHAN!
F-f-f-five!?
LAND GOD-SAMA! PLEASE DO SOMETHING! YOU'RE A GOD, RIGHT?
YEAH, BUT WITH THE BARRIER UP, MOSTLY ALL MY POWER'S SEALED AWAY.
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING UNTIL YOU BREAK THOSE PILLARS.
.....
FINE, THEN I WON'T ASK FOR YOUR HELP!

TIME TO RUN AWAY, EVERYONE!
Then we'll decide what to do!
That's my daughter! Momoko!
GLEAM
KYAAAAH!
CREEK
CRAK
CREAK
CRACK
SNAP
!

THUD!
OW!
FWISH!
KRACK!

ROAR!
MO-MOKO!
MO-MOKO!
KYAAAH!
FLASH

OH, MY...

STRAIN
STRAIN
STRAIN
B-BUT, WHY...?
BECAUSE A GOD NEVER ABANDONS A MORTAL!

SHOVE
...A LAND GOD, THEN.
YOU'RE REALLY...
THAT'S WHAT I SAID!
WELL, OF COURSE I WOULDN'T BELIEVE YOU THE FIRST TIME!
BUT WHAT ...?
I CAN'T HOLD ON MUCH LONGER!
WHATEVER! JUST DO SOME-THING!

...CUT DOWN THE PILLARS!
I'M GOING TO...
DON'T WORRY, MOMOKO.
OH, NO!
SWEEP
スーイー
D-DAD...
IT'S MY JOB AS MAN OF THE HOUSE.
I BORROWED IT FROM THE NEIGHBORS.
So what job does the neighbor have?
While our children were about to be eaten?
WHERE'D YOU GET THAT AXE?

MOMOKO, GET AWAY!
HUH?
I CAN'T HOLD IT BACK ANY LONGER!
STRAIN
STRAIN
STRAIN
NNGH...
UGH!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
IT'S...
...TOO LATE...
FLING
KYAAAAH!

AFTER VOMITING BLOOD TO GET THIS HOUSE...
...I GET FIVE HOLES IN IT THE MOMENT I MOVE IN! FIVE!
TAKE THIS, YOU UPSIDE DOWN PILLAR!
CHOP
ドカ
CHOP
バキッ
TAKE THIS, AND THAT, AND SOME OF THIS!
Dad! How dare you go into my room without knocking!
Mamoru! Where did you get all these dirty magazines?
ドカ
CHOP
バキ
CHOP
Wah ha ha ha ha!
I JUST DON'T CARE ANYMORE!!
ガキッ
WHACK
WHOOOOO
コオオ
KYAHA!
WHOA!
OH, NO!
AH!

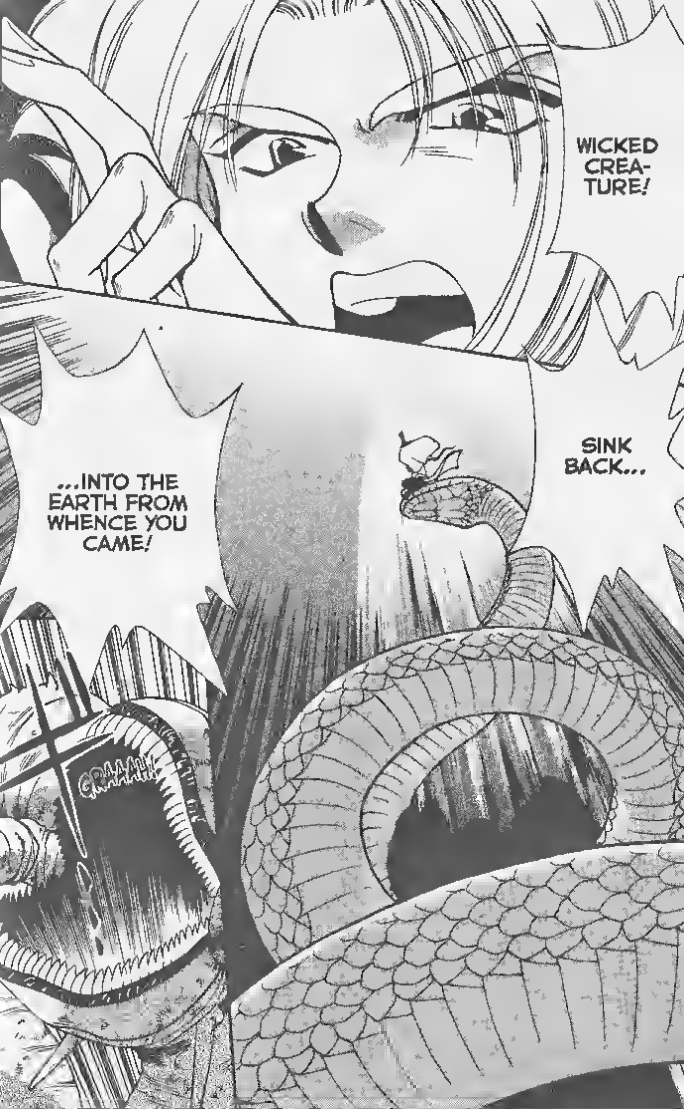
DAMN IT ALL!!
WAAANG
SPARK
WHOA!
SPARK
SPARK

THE BAR-RIER!
CRASH
トコ

IT'S BROKEN!

KI-KI-KI!
WHOOSH
AH!
SPRINKLE
GRAAH
YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY THAT EASY!
I'LL SEAL YOU AWAY!

WHOOSH
SQUEEAL
FLASH
GO, MIWA!


WICKED CREATURE!
SINK BACK...
...INTO THE EARTH FROM WHENCE YOU CAME!
GRAAAHH!

GRAAAH!

IT'S... FINALLY OVER.
SO'S OUR HOUSE.
MOM, DAD, WE CAN STILL MAKE IT THROUGH THIS.
YEAH, I'LL EVEN HELP.
LET'S START OVER AGAIN...
...WITH THE LITTLE 2DK PLACE, OKAY?
MY...
YOU'RE RIGHT.
LET'S TRY AGAIN.
...SWEET, SWEET CHILDREN.

あはははは——
Ah ha ha ha ha ha!
ABSOLUTELY! YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY, THE SMALLER THE HOUSE, THE CLOSER THE FAMILY!
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, THE 2DK WASN'T ALL THAT BAD.
With my godly powers.
HUH, AND I WAS ALL READY TO JUST RE-BUILD THIS PLACE FOR YOU.
WE NEVER SAID THAT.
BUT NOW YOU'RE GOING BACK TO THE APARTMENT, RIGHT?
Oh really?
I FORGOT.
WHAT!? WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO!?
YES, PLEASE!!
YOU WANT ME TO REBUILD IT?

TA-DA!
AND SO, THE HOUSE WAS REBUILT. BUT...
NOW THIS IS FIT FOR A GOD!
THAT'S MORE LIKE IT.
It's a shrine!
...A PLACE FOR A GOO TO LIVE.
NOW IT REALLY LOOKEO LIKE...

TRANSLATOR'S NOTES

Pg. 120 – "Do you look like Watanabe Tohru?"
Watanabe Tohru is a popular Japanese actor

Pg 160 – 2DK apartments
2DK apartments have two bedrooms, a dining room, and kitchen. Fairly average, but very small compared to a stand-alone house

Pg. 175 – *sakabashira*
Sakabashira literally means "reversed pillars." It's the idea that one's energy (ki) goes haywire when the pillars of the home are placed upside down. This ties into what the Land God just described, meaning that their house has good reason to be cursed, and will bring them bad luck

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